

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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STEPHEN BALOUGH, JR., :  
Petitioner, : Civil Action No. 10-2786 (SDW)  
v. :  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF NJ, et al., :  
Respondents. :  
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**O R D E R**

A Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus having been filed in the above action, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, and notice having been given pursuant to Mason v. Meyers, 208 F.3d 414 (3d Cir. 2000);

IT IS on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010;

ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall serve copies of the Petition, this Order, and all other documents docketed in this matter upon Respondents by certified mail, return receipt requested, with all costs of service advanced by the United States; and it is further

ORDERED that Respondents shall electronically file a full and complete answer to said Petition within 45 days of the entry of this Order, see Ukawabutu v. Morton, 997 F. Supp. 605 (D.N.J. 1998); and it is further

ORDERED that Respondents' answer shall address the allegations of the Petition by each paragraph and subparagraph,

and shall adhere to the requirements of 28 U.S.C. § 2254 Rule 5; and it is further

ORDERED that all non-jurisdictional affirmative defenses subject to waiver, such as timeliness, not raised in Respondents' answer or at the earliest practicable moment thereafter will be deemed waived; and it is further

ORDERED that the answer shall address the merits of each claim raised in the Petition, see 28 U.S.C. § 2254(b)(2); and it is further

ORDERED that the answer shall indicate what transcripts (of pretrial, trial, sentencing, or post-conviction proceedings) are available, when they can be furnished, and what proceedings have been recorded but not transcribed; and it is further

ORDERED that Respondents shall attach to the answer parts of the transcript that the Respondents consider relevant and, if a transcript cannot be obtained, Respondents may submit a narrative summary of the evidence, see 28 U.S.C. § 2254 Rule 5(c); and it is further

ORDERED that Respondents shall file with the answer a copy of: (1) any brief that Petitioner submitted in an appellate court contesting the conviction or sentence, or contesting an adverse judgment or order in a post-conviction proceeding; (2) any brief that the prosecution submitted in an appellate court relating to the conviction or sentence; and (3) the opinions and

dispositive orders relating to the conviction or the sentence,  
see 28 U.S.C. § 2254 Rule 5(d); and it is further  
ORDERED that the answer shall contain an index of exhibits;  
and it is further  
ORDERED that Respondents shall file the answer, the  
exhibits, and the list of exhibits electronically; and it is  
further  
ORDERED that Petitioner shall file and serve a reply to the  
answer within 45 days of Petitioner's receipt of same, see 28  
U.S.C. § 2254 Rule 5(e); and it is further  
ORDERED that, within 7 days of Petitioner's release, be it  
on parole or otherwise, Respondents shall electronically file a  
written notice of the same with the Clerk; and it is finally  
ORDERED that the Clerk shall serve this Order on Petitioner  
by regular mail.

s/Susan D. Wigenton  
SUSAN D. WIGENTON  
United States District Judge